

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**April 2012 – Week 4**

**Air Date: April 22 – April 28 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: BIG “O” IS BORN**

APRIL 1936 AND A VOICE LIKE NO OTHER IS BORN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

APRIL 23, 1936. VERNON. HE WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE GREATEST RECORDING STARS OF ALL TIME, KNOWN WORLDWIDE FOR HIS DISTINCTIVE VOICE AND DARK SUNGLASSES.

BUT TODAY, ROY ORBISON BEGINS LIFE AS THE SON OF NADINE AND ORBIE LEE.

RAISED IN THE WEST TEXAS TOWN OF WINK, ROY ORBISON QUICKLY REALIZED HE HAD A GIFT. AFTER WINNING A SINGING CONTEST HE FORMED HIS FIRST BAND THE WINK WESTERNERS IN 1949.

HIS CAREER SPANS 30 YEARS, EARNING SIX GRAMMYS, A PLACE IN THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AND INSPIRING MUSICIANS FROM ELVIS TO THE BEATLES.

DURING A RESURGENCE IN POPULARITY, "BIG O" DIED FROM A HEART ATTACK IN 1988.

TEXAN ROY ORBISON WAS BORN 76 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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